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11. (C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche points urging Singapore to meet with Kososvo's UN delegation on the margins of the UNGA and urged Singapore to formally recognize Kosovo during a meeting with MFA United Nations and Legal Issue Branch Desk Officer Jeremy Rabani on September 14. Rabani acknowledged that the Kosovars had requested a meeting with Singapore on the margins of the UNGA but that Singapore has not yet agreed to the meeting. In a separate conversation, MFA Europe Director Lawrence Anderson said that Singapore's policy of not recognizing Kosovo has not/not changed.

12. (C) Comment: Singapore usually follows rather than leads on issues such as recognition of independence. Given the sensitivities in the region with regards to breakaway states (specifically in Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines and China), Singapore has long adhered to a policy of refusing to recognize Kosovo as an independent state. Until momentum on this issue has shifted in the region, Post does not expect Singapore to change its position. End Comment.

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